

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 2616
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Mototsugu Abe, et al.)	Examiner: Vent, Jamie J.
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Application No. 09/843,629)	
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Filed: April 26, 2001)	Confirmation No. 9203
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For: Signal Processing Device and Signal)	
Processing Method)	

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 18, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in accordance with the remarks below.

A request for a 1-month extension of time is being made via the EFS-Web system to extend the response date to April 18, 2007 and payment is being made via the EFS-Web credit card payment process. However the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees not paid via the EFS-Web credit card payment process to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

The pending claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks addressing the rejections cited in the Office Action begin on page 15 of this paper.